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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 2 as shown in the Proposed Changes to the Drawings being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1), please amend the specification by substituting the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs originally filed, as indicated below. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 20 and ending on page 2, line 29 with the following:

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Examiner Corrigan,

Attached is a draft amendment for you to review prior to our Interview tomorrow, June 20, 2002 at 10:00. I will be bringing two individuals from the client. In addition, a partner from the firm may also be joining us. I am looking forward to working with you on these cases.

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